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LETTER DATED 28 MARCH 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUDAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of letter No. MFA/AFR/5/19 dated 27 March 1996 from H.E. Ali Othman Mohamed Taha, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan, addressed to H.E. Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). In the letter, the Minister for Foreign Affairs reports that the President of the Republic of the Sudan intends to address the meeting of Heads of State and Government of the members of the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, scheduled to be convened at Addis Ababa on 15 and 16 April 1996.

May I request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ali M. O. YASSIN

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Annex

Letter dated 27 March 1996 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan addressed to the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity

I have the honour to recall your recent visit to Khartoum during which Sudan's commitment to cooperate fully with the relevant resolutions of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and of the Security Council on the issue of the assassination attempt, was made and reiterated. I would like also to recall the ideas and proposals discussed as to the way ahead.

Guided by the foregoing commitment and taking into consideration that a meeting of the Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism, at the summit level, will be held at Addis Ababa on 15 and 16 April 1996 and in the light of the fact that OAU, according to its own resolutions, is still seized of the matter, I have the honour to inform you that the President of the Republic of the Sudan intends to address his colleagues on Sudan's position and the outcome of its efforts. Therefore, I would like to formally request the inclusion of that item in accordance with the relevant rules of procedure of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and the provisions of the Cairo Declaration establishing the OAU Mechanism.

(Signed) Ali Othman Mohamed TAHA
Minister for Foreign Affairs

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LETTER DATED 28 MARCH 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We wish to express our view that the mandate of the Sanctions Assistance Mission (SAM), the post of European Union/Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (EU/OSCE) Sanctions Coordinator, and Sanctions Assistance Missions Communications Centre (SAMCOMM) should continue beyond their current terms scheduled to end in June 1996.

The reimposition of sanctions remains a critical tool available to encourage compliance with the Dayton/Paris Agreement. It would be dangerous to the implementation process if the reimposition of sanctions was de facto untenable. For this reason, it is logically inconsistent to speak of a credible possibility of reimposing sanctions if on the other hand the major practical mechanism for sanctions compliance was dissolved, especially before the Dayton/Paris Agreement was fully implemented.

Although we would hope that sanctions would not be necessary with respect to a neighbouring State or any of the "parties" within the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina, this tool may be necessary to encourage compliance with many aspects of the peace agreement and/or Security Council resolutions, including: cooperation with the war crimes Tribunal; and respect for freedom of movement, human rights and the right of return for refugees.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

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